

Chief Executive

General Frank Gorenc

Director

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Dear Director,

Dear General,

LIAISON BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY (EDA) AND THE JOINT AIR POWER COMPETENCE CENTER (JAPCC)

The EDA, in line with its overall mission as set out in the Council Decision defining the statute, seat and operational rules of the European Defence Agency, is responsible for developing defence capabilities, promoting defence Research and Technology as well as armament cooperation, and creating a competitive European Defence Equipment Market and strengthening the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base. The EDA acts as a catalyst, promotes cooperation, launches new initiatives and proposes solutions to improve defence capabilities. Developing and improving defence capabilities in the Deploy domain is one of the objectives of EDA.

The JAPCC, as a team of multinational experts, provides key decision makers effective solutions on Air and Space Power challenges. Having a strategic and operational level focus, the JAPCC is mandated to offer independent ideas, analysis and solutions as well as timely advice and subject matter expertise, both proactively and responsively. Within these guidelines, the JAPCC conducts projects for the improvement and transformation of NATO Joint Air and Space Power.

On this basis, I propose to establish effective liaison between EDA and JAPCC based on the following key principles:

- a) the objective of the liaison between EDA and JAPCC is to allow for the exchange of unclassified information on activities of mutual interest, such as studies, workshops, projects and programmes;
- b) the identification of potential new activities that would support our respective Member States in developing their defence capabilities will be one of our common objectives;

- c) EDA and JAPCC intend to interact closely and co-ordinate their work, in order to make a coherent contribution to European and NATO transformational activities respectively, within available means and resources;
- d) The administration of activities will be in accordance with each organisation's respective internal processes, procedures and rules and in transparency with the respective members of EDA and JAPCC;
- e) The handling and release of information and documents will be undertaken in accordance with the respective rules and regulations of EDA and JAPCC. Any intellectual or industrial property rights, including any documentation, data, technical information provided will remain vested in their respective owners;
- f) EDA and JAPCC will nominate Points of Contact to facilitate and coordinate dialogue;
- g) This Exchange of Letters will not impose any financial responsibilities on EDA or JAPCC. The delineation of potential funding responsibilities will be further refined in the planning documents for specific events. In general, each organisation will fund its own share of co-operative endeavours from its own resources.

Areas of common interest for the liaison would start with the following:

- Joint Air and Space Power
- Air-to-air refuelling
- Airlift
- RPAS
- Helicopters

I am confident that, through our liaison, EDA and JAPCC can bring a significant added value to Member States through improved exchange of information, avoidance of unnecessary duplication of effort and common support of activities that bring added-value.

If the above principles for liaison are acceptable to you, I propose that this letter, together with your affirmative reply, will constitute our common understanding.


Yours sincerely,



Jorge Domecq

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FROM

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SUBJECT

Liaison Between the EDA and the JAPCC

Dear Jorge

Thank you very much for your letter of 2 February 2016 and for your desire to closely cooperate with the JAPCC. I concur the JAPCC and EDA should partner in the spirit of reducing duplication of effort and enhancing our mutual capability to meet security objectives. The EDA's presence at the Air and Space Power Networking meeting in the fall of 2014 and 2015 was greatly beneficial to all involved and forms a firm foundation upon which to build further cooperation.

The overall point of contact at the JAPCC will continue to be the Chief of Staff, Col E. Lee Wingfield, Col, USA AF, who can be reached at chiefofstaff@japcc.org. I propose that Col Wingfield meet with your Point of Contact in the near future to further scope the particulars of our cooperation based on our mutually agreed upon intent.

Please let me know who your central Point of Contact within EDA will be. Thank you again for your kind correspondence and I look forward to seeing you in the future.

Frank Gorenc

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